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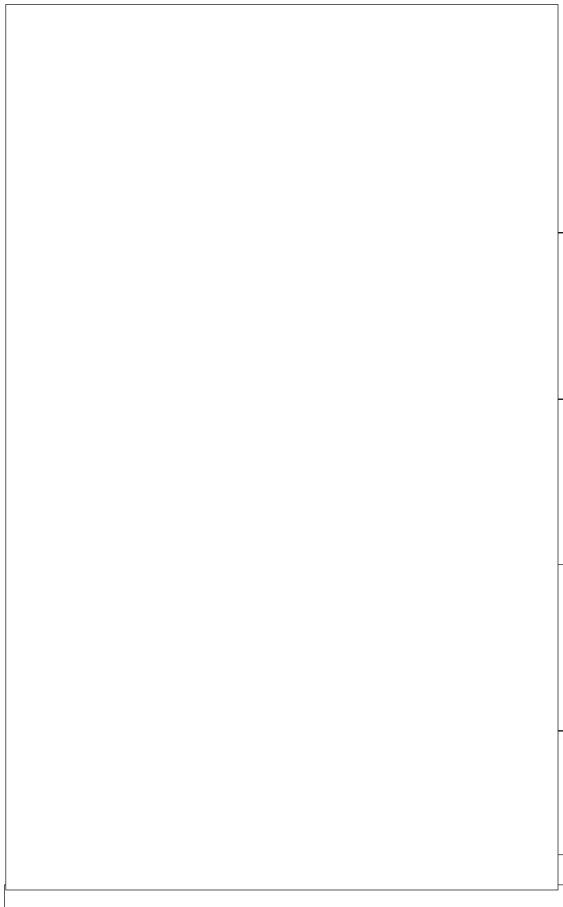

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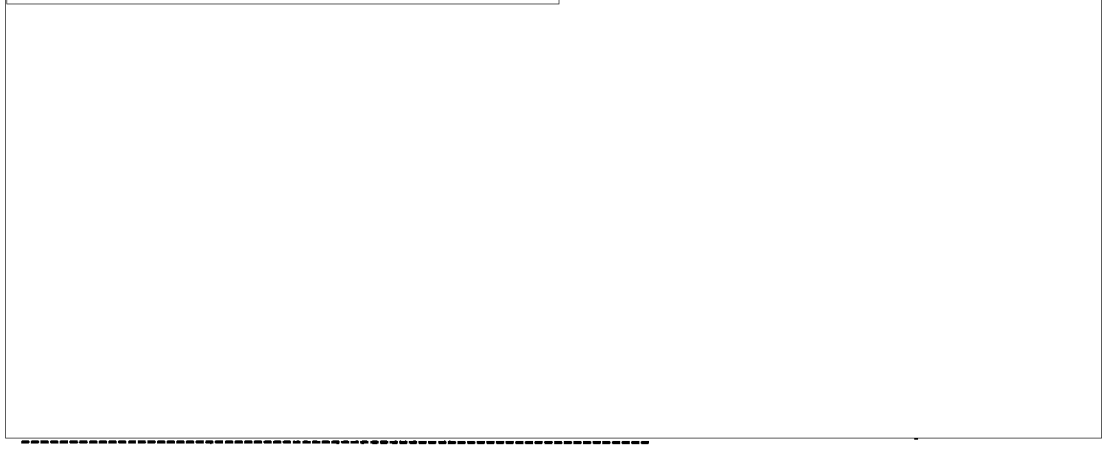

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TEXT: 1. COLONEL (COL) ENRIQUE DEL ((PINO)) OF THE INTELLIGENCE STAFF (G-2) OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY'S THIRD CORPS (III CORPS), WHICH HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS IN THE INTERIOR CITY OF CORDOBA, MET LATE IN THE THIRD WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1984 WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE RAUL ((BORRAS)) TO DISCUSS THE LEGAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARMED FORCES XCESSES DURING THE COUNTERSUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN OF THE 1970'S. DEL PINO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL (BG) HECTOR ((RIOS)) ERENU, III CORPS COMMANDER, AND AS THE LEADER OF ULTRA-RIGHTISTS IN CORDOBA WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTS OF VIOLENCE THERE. (3.3(b)(1) COMMENT: DEL PINO MET SEPARATELY WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JOSE HORACIO ((JAUNARENA)). HE BROUGHT THE SAME ROLES TO BOTH MEETINGS.) 2. IN HIS MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, DEL PINO REAFFIRMED A PREVIOUSLY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN BORRAS AND HIMSELF THROUGH WHICH, AS LONG AS BORRAS CONTINUES TO STALL THE LEGAL PROCESS AND AS LONG AS HE CONTINUES TO HAVE SELECTED INDI- VIDUALS -- NAMED BY III CORPS -- EXEMPTED FROM LEGAL PROCEEDINGS, DEL PINO WOULD NOT PERMIT FURTHER ACTS OF RIGHT-WING VIOLENCE IN CORDOBA. UNDER THE STIPULATIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, DEL PINO BROUGHT TO THE MEETING THE NAMES OF 32 ARMY PERSONNEL AND CIVILIANS WHOM HE WANTS BORRAS TO PROTECT. 3. FOR HIS PART, BORRAS SPOKE OF A GOVERNMENT PLAN FOR REDUCING PRESSURE ON THE FFAA BY HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS IN 1985. HE SAID THE ADMINISTRATION IS PLANNING TO TAKE INTO CUSTODY THE GREATEST NUMBERS OF LEFTISTS AGAINST WHOM IT CAN MOVE LEGALLY; HE POINTED OUT THAT THE IDEA BEHIND THIS CONSISTS IN TRYING TO SHIFT THE ATTENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS FROM THE ARMED FORCES TO THE LEFTISTS. THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE WENT ON TO SAY THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD PARDON BOTH ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL ACCUSED OF EXCESSES AND THE DETAINED LEFTISTS. HE OFFERED THE OPINION THAT THE PARDONS WOULD GAIN FOR THE ADMINISTRATION THE SUPPORT OF THE FFAA AND OF THE LEFT. BORRAS GAVE SEPTEMBER 1985 AS THE GENERAL PERIOD BY WHICH THE GOVERNMENT COULD PROBABLY HAVE THE GREATEST NUMBER OF LEFTISTS UNDER DETENTION AND IN WHICH THE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS SHOULD BE FOCUSING THE MOST ATTENTION ON THESE LEFTISTS, AND HE ADDED THAT THE PARDONS WOULD FOLLOW SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

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THAT AN AMNESTY OF SOME SORT MAY BE IMPLEMENTED ONCE LEADING FIGURES FROM JUNTA REGIMES AND NOTORIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS ARE SENTENCED. EMBASSY ALSO HAS INDICATIONS THAT MOD COOPERATES WITH THE ARMED FORCES

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IN PROTECTING SOME ARMED SERVICE PERSONNEL FROM PROSECUTION. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS EXPLICIT AS CLAIMED

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